

McLean, Dr. Hugh

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Dr. Hugh McLean,

Pathologist, St. Thomas Hospital,

London.

Dear Sir:

Dr. J. B. Leathes, F.R.S., our professor of pathological chemistry, has just received an appointment as Professor of Physiology in the University of Sheffield. He will remain with us, however, until the end of the first term, leaving Canada about Christmas. If it is at all possible we should have a successor appointed who could undertake the work at the beginning of the New Year. The equipment of the laboratories is, I understand, excellent, and Dr. Leathes will leave everything in such condition that his successor will be able to take up work without much trouble.

He told me that he had spoken to you about the possibility of his leaving and had described to you the situation in Toronto. He also told me that he thought there was a possibility that you might be willing to accept the position. I am not able to-day to make a final offer, but your name has been mentioned more frequently than any other in connection with it, and I should like to find out from you whether if the Board of Governors sanction another appointment at this time of financial difficulty you would be willing to accept the position. I feel confident that they will want to appoint a successor immediately. The salary that Professor Leathes has had for the last five years is \$3000. It is doubtful whether in the immediate future that could be increased, but I have every hope that with the close of the war,

when the financial situation will righten itself Canada will enter upon another era of prosperity and that the future of the University is entirely assured.

Yours sincerely,

President.

COBALT NICKEL